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## MUMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Support for Department of the Interior Radiological Survey of Bikini Atoli - ACTION MILMORANDUM

The Secretary of the Interior letter (TAS A) requests DoD provide a base support ship, two belicopters, and airlift in support of a radiological survey of Dibini Atoll and other islands. We were able to assemble the necessary assets at a reinbursable cost of \$609,000. However, in view of Interior inability to bear the cost, and the nonavailability of LoD funding (TAS D), it is necessary to decline the request until such time as interior may have the money. It would also be helpful to both parties if the request could be made earlier than in the instant case.

It is recommended you sign the enclosed letter to the Secretary of the Interior, advising him of the foregoing.

(Signed)
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(Installations and Legistics)

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